

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

As an American soldier I realize that freedom of thought is the cornerstone of freedom of speech. We cannot be free in our speech when we have mega-cable companies too willing to "tow the party line" to keep corporate sponsors happy. We see this taking place with all of Time Warner's holdings. The FCC needs to see that cable access is increased to ensure that it becomes a forum of true free speech and a true tool to investigate the truth. Propaganda is propaganda regardless of the source. I contend we need even more stringent rules regarding the percentage of the national market can reach. Probably 20% is a good number. Domination by eight companies is far too few. In a market as our's we should have hundreds of cable companies spreading their own version of truth. Protect free speech through diversity.